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SUBJECT: JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL

REFS: A) NEW DELHI 386; B) NEW DELHI 442

1. CHAMBER WILL TELEX TO FICCI LIST OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN FEBRUARY JBC MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12. CHAMBER WILL PROVIDE COPY TO DEPARTMENT AT SAME TIME. AS INDICATED STATE 4440, LIST OF 27 BUSINESSMEN POUCHED JANUARY 6 INCLUDES PEOPLE WHO HAVE AGREED SERVE ON JBC. NOT ALL OF THOSE LISTED WILL BE ABLE TO GO TO DELHI IN FEBRUARY, NOR IS LIST CONSIDERED FINAL. FREEMAN HOPES RECRUIT A FEW ADDITIONAL MEMBERS. BREWER REMINDED US HE HAS RECEIVED NO WORD FROM FICCI ON COMPOSITION OF INDIAN DELEGATION.

2. BREWER ADVISES HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF DELEGATION PLANS AFTER JBC MEETINGS CONCLUDED. HE HAS IMPRESSION MOST WILL HAVE TO LEAVE INDIA PROMPTLY. IN ANY CASE, DELEGATION HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT IF THEY WISH REMAIN IN INDIA AND VISIT INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, ETC., THEY SHOULD CONTACT FICCI

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DIRECTLY. FYI - CHAMBER HAS APPARENTLY HAD BAD EXPERI-

ENCE IN PAST WHEN IT HAS GOTTEN INVOLVED IN AFTER-MEETING
TOURS. END FYI.

3. BACKGROUND PAPERS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT
WEEK; AT INDIAN EMBASSY COMMERCIAL MINISTER'S REQUEST (DIXIT
100 COPIES WILL BE DELIVERED TO INDIAN EMBASSY FOR TRANS-
MISSION TO FICCI VIA POUCH. WE WILL GET COPIES AT SAME
TIME AND POUCH SEVERAL FOR EMBASSY USE. FYI - FICCI BACK-
GROUND PAPERS DELIVERED TO CHAMBER JANUARY 6. END FYI.

4. BREWER HAS ASKED THAT PROBLEMS SUCH AS THOSE DEALT WITH
IN PARAS 1-3 ABOVE BE SORTED OUT DIRECTLY BETWEEN FICCI
AND CHAMBER. HE PREFERS USG NOT GET INVOLVED IN WHAT ARE
ESSENTIALLY OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS.

5. ACCORDING BREWER, ORVILLE FREEMAN PLANS HOST DINNER
AT ASHOKA EVENING FEBRUARY 3. HE ASKED WHETHER AMBASSADOR
WOULD BE WILLING ADDRESS GROUP AT THAT TIME. HE UNDERSTANDS
FICCI INVITING CHAVAN SPEAK TO GROUP EVENING FEBRUARY 2.

6. PLEASE TRANSMIT NEW TIME FOR BEGINNING EMBASSY BRIEFING
FEBRUARY 2. WOULD EMBASSY BE WILLING HOST LUNCH FOR U.S.
DELEGATION AS PRELUDE TO BRIEFING SESSIONS?

7. RE PARA 4 OF NEW DELHI 386, NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN
MADE PROVIDE GOOD WILL MESSAGES FROM HIGH LEVEL USG
OFFICIALS. AS EXPLAINED ON FYI BASIS IN STATE 733, CHAMBER
HAS REQUESTED THAT WE DO THIS AND WE ARE CONSIDERING RE-
QUEST. KISSINGER

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